

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Jordan

a. The government has thus far kept the lid on, but the air is uneasy and [redacted] are calling for an uprising.

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d. Tel Aviv has warned it would not remain indifferent to Egyptian control of Jordan. [redacted]

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2. Yemen

a. President Sallal faces a future which is far from serene.

b. Tribal supporters of the Yemeni Republic are upset over their limited representation on the new presidency council. At one point last week they threatened to "renounce everything and withdraw."

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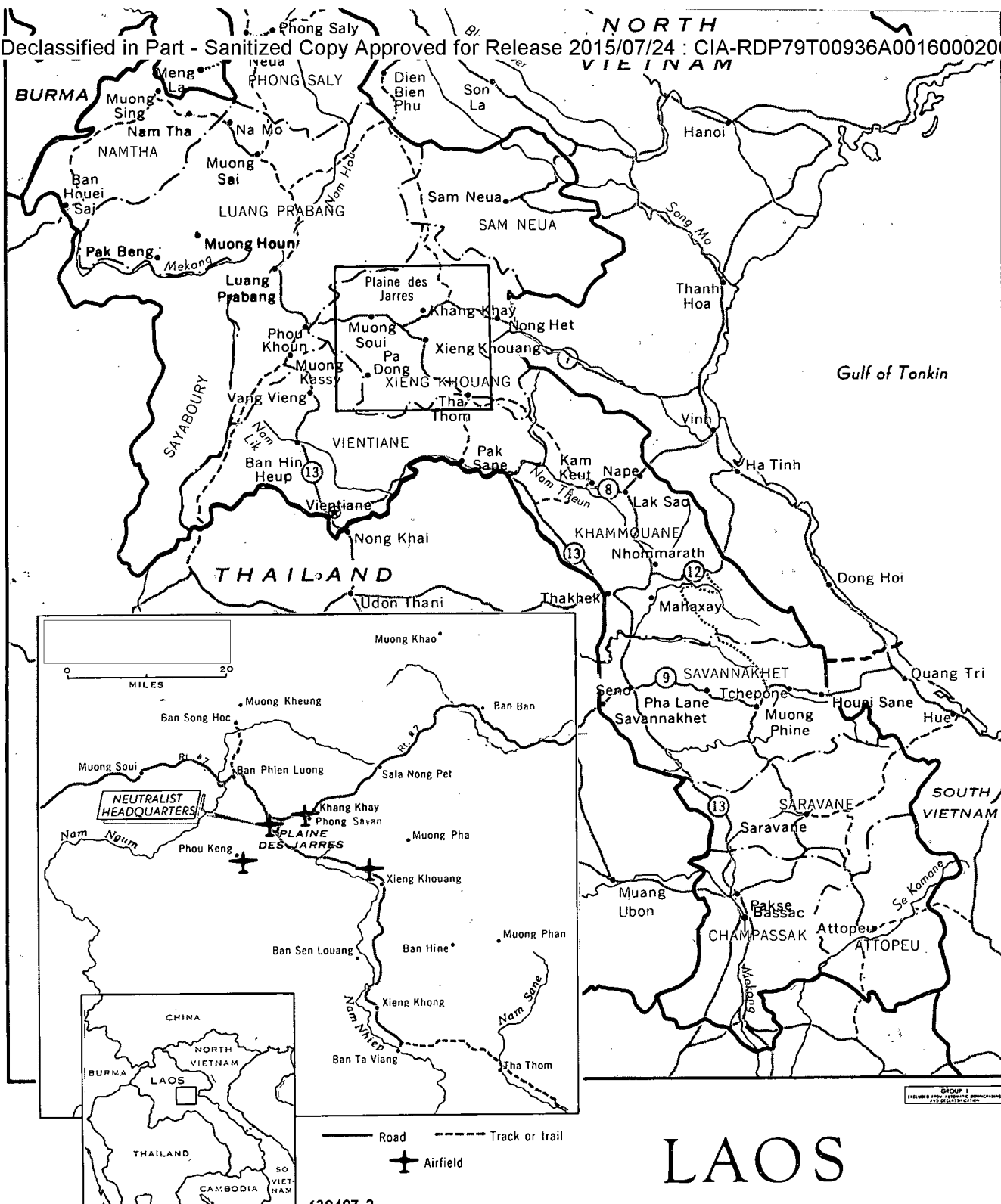
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**3. Haiti**

a. Duvalier has reacted to Sunday's leaflet-dropping by grounding all private aircraft.

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4. Laos

a. Although there has been no major action in the Plaine des Jarres there appears to be no true "cease-fire." Some shooting continued yesterday and Kong Le claims that the Pathet Lao were continuing to advance their positions against him.

b. Both factions are jockeying for position

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c. Ambassador Unger said yesterday that Souvanna was "in evident good spirits" and apparently more confident that things would work out. Souvanna again asked Kong Le, who is in Vientiane on a quick trip, to avoid any provocations and to avoid being attacked "while short of ammunition and men."

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d. Kong Le, however, will be most reluctant to accept any solution short of a return to the status quo ante.

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e. [REDACTED]

The Pathet Lao radio [REDACTED] has broadcast reports that Phoumi has sent troops in battalion strength to the Plaine des Jarres and charges that the "reactionaries" shelled Xieng Khouang on 22 April--"proof" that they do not want to stop fighting.

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- A. Venezuela In the face of new reports that extremists would attempt "something" against US officials or installations in Caracas, the US Embassy has been promised additional security protection.
- B. Cuba Photography of 21 and 22 April reveals no significant change in major Soviet and Cuban installations although obliquity and scattered clouds prevented a detailed readout of some targets.
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- E. USSR The first rehearsal for the Moscow May Day parade was held Saturday night. Our attaches saw no new equipment but did see two large naval missiles similar to the one first paraded in November. We think these have a range of at least 600 n.m. and can probably be launched from underwater.

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F. Rumania-USSR Moscow is having its difficulties in organizing and coordinating the economies of Eastern Europe through CEMA--the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. The Rumanians are bucking a February CEMA decision that they abandon most of their plans for major new industries and concentrate instead on petroleum products, fertilizers and agriculture. Party leaders in Bucharest have sought and received support for their stand at the grass roots level and will find it difficult to back down should the Soviets elect to press the issue.